

Amendment No. 1 to SB0209

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 209*

House Bill No. 509

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (d)(3) and by redesignating the existing subdivision (d)(3) and the remaining subdivisions accordingly:

(3) The nature and extent of any previous allegations, complaints, or petitions of abuse or dependency and neglect against the parent or person responsible for the care of the child;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406(e), is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following:

The investigation shall include a visit to the child's home, an interview with and the physical observation of the child, an interview with and the physical observation of any other children in the child's home, and an interview with the parent or parents or other custodian of the child and any other persons in the child's home.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-403, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Within twelve (12) months of a child entering state custody, the department shall review the child's case to determine, in the department's discretion, if reunification with family is feasible, and if not, whether to pursue termination of parental rights.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(27), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

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() Knowingly or grossly negligently allowing a child under eight (8) years of age to ingest an illegal substance or a controlled substance that results in the child testing positive on a drug screen, except as legally prescribed to the child.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.